

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of facilitating a project bid process, the method comprising:
 - generating a buyer-associated bid request ~~utilizing at least a portion of bid item selections of a stored bid item list;~~
 - transmitting the buyer-associated bid request to at least one supplier for solicitation of a supplier bid response ~~to be generated with the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request;~~
 - generating a supplier-associated bid request ~~utilizing at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request; and~~
 - transmitting the supplier-associated bid request to at least one subcontracting entity; ~~for solicitation of a subcontracting entity bid response to be generated with the bid item selections utilized in the supplier-associated bid request;~~
 - transmitting the supplier bid response;
 - receiving a subcontracting entity bid response;
 - receiving a selection of at least a portion of bid response data included in the subcontracting entity bid response; and
 - updating the supplier bid response with the selected at least a portion of the bid response data included in the subcontracting entity bid response.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 97 4, wherein the step of generating the buyer-associated bid request further comprises:
 - receiving buyer-associated bid request data from the buyer for the buyer-associated bid request; and
 - storing the buyer-associated bid request data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - ~~receiving the supplier bid response; and~~
 - wherein the supplier bid response includes bid response data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
 - ~~receiving the subcontracting entity bid response; and~~
 - wherein the subcontracting entity bid response includes bid response data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the supplier-associated bid request.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, further comprising transmitting the supplier bid response to the buyer upon completion of all required ones of the fields by the supplier.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 5, further comprising transmitting the subcontracting-entity bid response to the supplier upon completion of all required ones of the fields by the subcontracting entity.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
receiving an acceptance of the subcontracting-entity bid response; ~~receiving a selection of at least a portion of the bid response data included in the subcontracting-entity bid response; and~~
~~updating the supplier bid response with the selected at least a portion of the bid response data included in the subcontracting-entity bid response.~~

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 7, further comprising transmitting the supplier bid response to the buyer.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving a buyer request to access data relative to the subcontracting-entity bid response.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of transmitting the buyer-associated bid request comprises selecting the at least one supplier to receive the buyer-associated bid request using the buyer-associated bid request data.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of transmitting the supplier-associated bid request comprises selecting the at least one subcontracting entity to receive the supplier-associated bid request using the supplier-associated bid request data.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of selecting the at least one supplier further comprises:
maintaining supplier information associated with the at least one supplier; and
comparing the buyer-associated bid request data with the supplier information to select the at least one supplier.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of selecting the at least one subcontracting entity further comprises:
maintaining subcontracting-entity information associated with the at least one subcontracting entity; and
comparing the supplier-associated bid request data with the subcontracting-entity information to select the at least one subcontracting entity.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 97 4, further comprising:
~~receiving the subcontracting entity bid response;~~
~~receiving the supplier bid response;~~
receiving a supplier bid award;
transmitting a purchase requisition to the supplier;
transmitting a parsed purchase requisition to the subcontracting entity; and
wherein the parsed purchase requisition is a subset of the purchase requisition.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 14, wherein the purchase requisition is submitted to the supplier for purposes of acceptance and tax assessment.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 14, wherein the parsed purchase requisition is submitted to the subcontracting entity for purposes of acceptance and tax assessment.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
receiving a completed parsed purchase requisition from the subcontracting entity; and
generating a completed purchase requisition.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of generating the completed purchase requisition comprises aggregating at least one completed purchase requisition.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 17, further comprising:
generating a buyer-associated purchase order to the supplier;
generating a supplier-associated purchase order to the subcontracting entity;
responsive to a determination that the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer, generating a buyer-associated purchase order to the subcontracting entity.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 97 4, wherein the step of generating the supplier-associated bid request further comprises:
 receiving supplier-associated bid request data from the supplier for the supplier-associated bid request;
 wherein the supplier-associated bid request data is selected from buyer-associated bid request data; and
 storing the supplier-associated bid request data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer system for facilitating a bid process for a project involving a buyer, a supplier, and at least one subcontracting entity, the computer system comprising:
 a database system ~~for maintaining a configurable pre-established bid item list and a bid template for the project;~~
~~wherein the bid template includes bid item selections selected from the bid item list;~~
 a server connected to the database system and connectable to the buyer, the supplier, and the at least one subcontracting entity; ~~and~~
 wherein the server is operable to:
 generate a buyer-associated bid request, ~~wherein the server receives buyer-associated bid request data from the buyer for the buyer-associated bid request utilizing the bid template;~~
 transmit the buyer-associated bid request to the supplier;
 generate a supplier-associated bid request via a parsing of the buyer-associated
~~supplier-associated~~ bid request;
 transmit the supplier-associated bid request to the at least one subcontracting entity;
~~receive a subcontracting entity bid response to the supplier-associated bid request;~~
~~receive transmit a supplier bid response, the supplier bid response incorporating,~~
~~at least in part, data from the subcontracting entity bid response;~~ -
receive a subcontracting entity bid response;
receive a selection of at least a portion of the bid response data included in the
subcontracting entity bid response; and
update the supplier bid response with the selected at least a portion of the bid
response data included in the subcontracting entity bid response.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system of claim 98 21, wherein generation of the buyer-associated bid request further comprises:
 receiving buyer-associated bid request data from the buyer for the buyer-associated bid request; and
 storing the buyer-associated bid request data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 22, wherein the supplier bid response includes bid response data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 23, wherein the subcontracting entity bid response includes bid response data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the supplier-associated bid request.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system of claim ~~24~~ 25, wherein the server is further operable to transmit the supplier bid response to the buyer.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 25, wherein the server is further operable to transmit the subcontracting entity bid response to the supplier.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system of claim 24, wherein the server is further operable to:
receive an acceptance of the subcontracting entity bid response;
~~receive a selection of at least a portion of the bid response data included in the subcontracting entity bid response; and~~
update the supplier bid response with the selected at least a portion of the bid response data included in the subcontracting entity bid response.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 27, wherein the server is further operable to transmit the supplier bid response to the buyer.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 28, wherein the server is further operable to receive a buyer request to access data relative to the subcontracting entity bid response.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 23, wherein the transmission of the buyer-associated bid request comprises selecting the at least one supplier to receive the buyer-associated bid request using the buyer-associated bid request data.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 24, wherein the transmission of the supplier-associated bid request comprises selecting the at least one

subcontracting entity to receive the supplier-associated bid request using the supplier-associated bid request data.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 30, wherein the selection of the at least one supplier further comprises:
maintaining supplier information associated with the at least one supplier; and
comparing the buyer-associated bid request data with the supplier information to select the at least one supplier.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 31, wherein the selection of the at least one subcontracting entity further comprises:
maintaining subcontracting entity information associated with the at least one subcontracting entity; and
comparing the supplier-associated bid request data with the subcontracting entity information to select the at least one subcontracting entity.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 31, wherein the server is further operable to:
receive a supplier bid award;
transmit a purchase requisition to the supplier;
transmit a parsed purchase requisition to the subcontracting entity; and
wherein the parsed purchase requisition is a subset of the purchase requisition.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 34, wherein the purchase requisition is submitted to the supplier for purposes of acceptance and tax assessment.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 34, wherein the parsed purchase requisition is submitted to the subcontracting entity for purposes of acceptance and tax assessment.

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 34, wherein the server is further operable to:
receive a completed parsed purchase requisition from the subcontracting entity; and
generate a completed purchase requisition.

38. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 37, wherein the generation of the completed purchase requisition comprises aggregating at least one completed purchase requisition.

39. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 37, wherein the server is further operable to:

- generate a buyer-associated purchase order to the supplier;
- generate a supplier-associated purchase order to the subcontracting entity; and
- responsive to a determination that the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer, generate a buyer-associated purchase order to the subcontracting entity.

40. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer system of claim ~~98~~ 21, wherein the generation of the supplier-associated bid request further comprises:

- receiving supplier-associated bid request data from the supplier for the supplier-associated bid request;
- wherein the supplier-associated bid request data is selected from buyer-associated bid request data; and
- storing the supplier-associated bid request data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request.

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~In a~~ A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon, the computer-executable instructions, when executed by a processor, causing the processor to: ~~comprising:~~

- ~~means for generating~~ generate a buyer-associated bid request ~~utilizing at least a portion of bid item selections of a stored bid item list;~~

- ~~means for transmitting~~ transmit the buyer-associated bid request to at least one supplier for solicitation of a supplier bid response ~~to be generated with the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request;~~

- ~~means for generating~~ generate a supplier-associated bid request ~~utilizing at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request; and~~

- ~~means for transmitting~~ transmit the supplier-associated bid request to at least one subcontracting entity for solicitation of a subcontracting entity bid response ~~to be generated with the bid item selections utilized in the supplier-associated bid request; -~~

- transmit the supplier bid response;

- receive a subcontracting-entity bid response;

- receive a selection of at least a portion of the bid response data included in the subcontracting-entity bid response; and

- update the supplier bid response with the selected at least a portion of the bid response data included in the subcontracting-entity bid response.

42. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 99 44, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions~~ causing the processor to generate ~~means for generating~~ the buyer-associated bid request further cause the processor to: ~~comprises:~~

~~means for receiving~~ receive buyer-associated bid request data from the buyer for the buyer-associated bid request; and

~~means for storing~~ store the buyer-associated bid request data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections.

43. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 42, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions~~ further cause the processor to: ~~further comprising:~~

~~means for receiving the supplier bid response;~~ and

wherein the supplier bid response includes bid response data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request.

44. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions~~ further cause the processor to: ~~further comprising:~~

~~means for receiving the subcontracting-entity bid response;~~ and

wherein the subcontracting-entity bid response includes bid response data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the supplier-associated bid request.

45. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 44, ~~further comprising wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to~~ ~~means for transmitting~~ transmit the supplier bid response to the buyer upon completion of all required ones of the fields by the supplier.

46. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 45, ~~further comprising wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to~~ ~~means for transmitting~~ transmit the subcontracting-entity bid response to the supplier upon completion of all required ones of the fields by the subcontracting entity.

47. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 44, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions~~ further cause the processor to: ~~further comprising:~~

~~means for receiving~~ receive an acceptance of the subcontracting-entity bid response;

means for receiving selection of at least a portion of the bid response data included in the subcontracting entity bid response; and

means for updating the supplier bid response with the selected at least a portion of the bid response data included in the subcontracting entity bid response.

48. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 47, ~~further comprising wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to transmit~~ means for transmitting the supplier bid response to the buyer.

49. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 48, ~~wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to receive~~ means for receiving a buyer request to access data relative to the subcontracting-entity bid response.

50. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions causing the processor to transmit~~ means for transmitting the buyer-associated bid request ~~cause the processor to select~~ comprises means for selecting the at least one supplier to receive the buyer-associated bid request using the buyer-associated bid request data.

51. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 44, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions causing the processor to transmit~~ means for transmitting the supplier-associated bid request ~~cause the processor to select~~ comprises selecting the at least one subcontracting entity to receive the supplier-associated bid request using the supplier-associated bid request data.

52. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 50, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions causing the processor to select~~ means for selecting the at least one supplier further ~~cause the processor to:~~ comprises:

~~means for maintaining~~ maintain supplier information associated with the at least one supplier; and

~~means for comparing~~ compare the buyer-associated bid request data with the supplier information to select the at least one supplier.

53. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 51, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions causing the~~

processor to select ~~means for selecting~~ the at least one subcontracting entity further cause the processor to: ~~comprises:~~

~~means for maintaining~~ maintain subcontracting-entity information associated with the at least one subcontracting entity; and

~~means for comparing~~ compare the supplier-associated bid request data with the subcontracting-entity information to select the at least one subcontracting entity.

54. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 51, ~~wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to:~~ further comprising:

~~means for receiving the subcontracting-entity bid response;~~

~~means for receiving the supplier bid response;~~

~~means for receiving~~ receive a supplier bid award;

~~means for transmitting~~ transmit a purchase requisition to the supplier;

~~means for transmitting~~ transmit a parsed purchase requisition to the subcontracting entity;

and

wherein the parsed purchase requisition is a subset of the purchase requisition.

55. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 54, wherein the purchase requisition is submitted to the supplier for purposes of acceptance and tax assessment.

56. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 54, wherein the parsed purchase requisition is submitted to the subcontracting entity for purposes of acceptance and tax assessment.

57. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 54, ~~wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to:~~ further comprising:

~~means for receiving~~ receive a completed parsed purchase requisition from the subcontracting entity; and

~~means for generating~~ generate a completed purchase requisition.

58. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 57, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions causing the processor to generate~~ means for generating the completed purchase requisition cause the processor to aggregate ~~comprises means for aggregating~~ at least one completed purchase requisition.

59. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions computer readable medium~~ of claim 57, ~~wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to: further comprising:~~

~~means for generating generate~~ a buyer-associated purchase order to the supplier;
~~means for generating generate~~ a supplier-associated purchase order to the subcontracting entity; and

~~means for generating generate~~ a buyer-associated purchase order to the subcontracting entity responsive to a determination that the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer.

60. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions computer readable medium~~ of claim 51, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions causing the processor to generate~~ means for generating the supplier-associated bid request further cause the processor to: further comprising:

~~means for receiving receive~~ supplier-associated bid request data from the supplier for the supplier-associated bid request;

wherein the supplier-associated bid request data is selected from buyer-associated bid request data; and

~~means for storing store~~ the supplier-associated bid request data within fields associated with at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request.

61. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of managing a project bid process, the method comprising:

receiving an enablement request relative to a subcontracting entity;
 receiving an affiliation request relative to a primary supplier, the affiliation request requesting that the subcontracting entity be affiliated with the primary supplier;

transmitting a buyer-associated bid request to the supplier for solicitation of a supplier bid response;

transmitting, to ~~the~~ at least one subcontracting entity, of a daisy chain quotation associated with the buyer-associated bid request;

~~transmitting the supplier bid response~~;
 receiving a completed daisy chain quotation ~~from the subcontracting entity~~, the completed daisy chain quotation comprising completed applicable daisy chain quotation items of the transmitted daisy chain quotation ~~transmitted to the subcontracting entity~~;

updating ~~a~~ the supplier bid response to the buyer-associated bid request using at least some of the completed applicable daisy chain quotation items; and
 transmitting the updated supplier bid response to the buyer.

62. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 61, further comprising:
 transmitting a buyer bid award to the supplier;

transmitting a purchase requisition to the supplier;
parsing the purchase requisition; and
transmitting the parsed purchase requisition to the subcontracting entity.

63. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 62, further comprising:
receiving a completed purchase requisition from the subcontracting entity;
aggregating the completed purchase requisition received from the subcontracting entity;
and
transmitting a purchase order to at least one of the supplier and the subcontracting entity.

64. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 63, wherein the step of
transmitting the purchase order comprises:
determining whether the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer; and
responsive to a determination that the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the
buyer:
transmitting a purchase order to the supplier;
parsing the transmitted purchase order to segment purchase order details relative to the
subcontracting entity; and
transmitting a parsed purchase order to the subcontracting entity.

65. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 63, wherein the step of
transmitting the purchase order comprises:
determining whether the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer; and
responsive to a determination that the subcontracting entity may not be paid directly by
the buyer, transmitting a purchase order to the supplier.

66. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 63, further comprising
transmitting a subcontracting entity voucher to the supplier.

67. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 63, further comprising
transmitting a supplier voucher to the buyer.

68. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 66, further comprising
transmitting a supplier voucher to the buyer.

69. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 67, further comprising
receiving a buyer voucher approval.

70. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 68, further comprising receiving a buyer voucher approval.

71. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 69, further comprising transmitting an invoice to the buyer.

72. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 70, further comprising transmitting an invoice to the buyer

73. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~In a~~ A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon, the computer-executable instructions, when executed by a processor, causing the processor to: comprising:
~~means for receiving~~ receive an enablement request relative to a subcontracting entity;
~~means receiving~~ receive an affiliation request relative to a primary supplier, the affiliation request requesting that the subcontracting entity be affiliated with the primary supplier;
~~means for transmitting~~ transmit a buyer-associated bid request to the supplier for solicitation of a supplier bid response;
~~means for transmitting~~ transmit, ~~to the~~ at least one subcontracting entity, of a daisy chain quotation associated with the buyer-associated bid request;
transmit the supplier bid response;
~~means for receiving~~ receive a completed daisy chain quotation ~~from the subcontracting entity~~, the completed daisy chain quotation comprising completed applicable daisy chain quotation items of the transmitted daisy chain quotation ~~transmitted to the subcontracting entity;~~
~~means for updating~~ update ~~a the~~ supplier bid response to the buyer-associated bid request using at least some of the completed applicable daisy chain quotation items; and
~~means for transmitting~~ transmit the updated supplier bid response to the buyer.

74. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 73, wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to: further comprising:
~~means for transmitting~~ transmit a buyer bid award to the supplier;
~~means for transmitting~~ transmit a purchase requisition to the supplier;
~~means for parsing~~ parse the purchase requisition; and
~~means for transmitting~~ transmit the parsed purchase requisition to the subcontracting entity.

75. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 74, further comprising:

~~means for receiving~~ receive a completed purchase requisition from the subcontracting entity;

~~means for aggregating~~ aggregate the completed purchase requisition received from the subcontracting entity; and

~~means for transmitting~~ transmit a purchase order to at least one of the supplier and the subcontracting entity.

76. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 75, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions causing the processor to transmit~~ means for of transmitting the purchase order ~~further cause the processor to:~~ comprises:

~~means for determining~~ determine whether the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer; and

~~means~~ responsive to a determination that the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer:

~~for transmitting~~ transmit a purchase order to the supplier;

~~for parsing~~ parse the transmitted purchase order to segment purchase order details relative to the subcontracting entity; and

~~for transmitting~~ transmit a parsed purchase order to the subcontracting entity.

77. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 75, wherein the ~~computer-executable instructions causing the processor to transmit~~ means for transmitting the purchase order ~~further cause the processor to:~~ comprises:

~~means for determining~~ determine whether the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer; and

~~means;~~ responsive to a determination that the subcontracting entity may not be paid directly by the buyer, ~~for transmitting~~ transmit a purchase order to the supplier.

78. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 75, ~~further comprising means for transmitting wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to transmit~~ a subcontracting entity voucher to the supplier.

79. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 75, ~~further comprising means for transmitting wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to transmit~~ a supplier voucher to the buyer.

80. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 78, ~~further comprising means for transmitting wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to transmit a supplier voucher to the buyer.~~

81. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 79, further comprising ~~further comprising means for receiving wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to receive a buyer voucher approval.~~

82. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 80, computer readable medium of claim 79, further comprising ~~further comprising means for receiving wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to receive a buyer voucher approval.~~

83. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 81, ~~further comprising means for transmitting wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to transmit an invoice to the buyer.~~

84. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~computer-executable instructions~~ computer readable medium of claim 82, ~~further comprising means for transmitting wherein the computer-executable instructions, when executed, further cause the processor to transmit an invoice to the buyer.~~

85. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer system for managing a project bid process, the computer system comprising:
a database system;
a server connected to the database system, wherein the server is operable to:
receive an enablement request relative to a subcontracting entity;
receive an affiliation request relative to a primary supplier, the affiliation request requesting that the subcontracting entity be affiliated with the primary supplier;
transmit a buyer-associated bid request to the supplier for solicitation of a supplier bid response;
transmit, ~~to the at least one~~ subcontracting entity, of a daisy chain quotation associated with the buyer-associated bid request;
receive a completed daisy chain quotation ~~from the subcontracting entity~~, the completed daisy chain quotation comprising completed applicable daisy chain quotation items of the transmitted daisy chain quotation ~~transmitted to the subcontracting entity~~;

update a supplier bid response to the buyer-associated bid request using at least some of the completed applicable daisy chain quotation items; and
transmit the updated supplier bid response to the buyer.

86. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 85, wherein the server is further operable to:
transmit a buyer bid award to the supplier;
transmit a purchase requisition to the supplier;
parse the purchase requisition; and
transmit the parsed purchase requisition to the subcontracting entity.

87. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 86, wherein the server is further operable to:
receive a completed purchase requisition from the subcontracting entity;
aggregate the completed purchase requisition received from the subcontracting entity;
and
transmit a purchase order to at least one of the supplier and the subcontracting entity.

88. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 87, wherein the transmission of the purchase order comprises:
determining whether the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer; and
responsive to a determination that the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer:
transmitting a purchase order to the supplier;
parsing the transmitted purchase order to segment purchase order details relative to the subcontracting entity; and
transmitting a parsed purchase order to the subcontracting entity.

89. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 87, wherein the transmission of the purchase order comprises:
determining whether the subcontracting entity may be paid directly by the buyer; and
responsive to a determination that the subcontracting entity may not be paid directly by the buyer, transmitting a purchase order to the supplier.

90. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 87, wherein the server is further operable to transmit a subcontracting entity voucher to the supplier.

91. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 87, wherein the server is further operable to transmit a supplier voucher to the buyer.

92. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 90, wherein the server is further operable to transmit a supplier voucher to the buyer.

93. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 91, wherein the server is further operable to receive a buyer voucher approval.

94. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 92, wherein the server is further operable to receive a buyer voucher approval.

95. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 93, wherein the server is further operable to transmit an invoice to the buyer.

96. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system of claim 94, wherein the server is further operable to transmit an invoice to the buyer.

97. (NEW) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
wherein the step of generating the buyer-associated bid request further comprises utilizing at least a portion of bid item selections of a stored bid item list;
wherein the supplier bid response is generated with the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request;
wherein the supplier-associated bid request utilizes at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request; and
wherein the subcontracting entity bid response is generated with the bid item selections utilized in the supplier-associated bid request.

98. (NEW) The computer system of claim 21, further comprising:
wherein the database system is for maintaining a configurable pre-established bid item list and a bid template for the project;
wherein the bid template includes bid item selections selected from the bid item list; and
wherein the buyer-associated bid request utilizes the bid template.

99. (NEW) The computer readable medium of claim 41, further comprising:
wherein the buyer-associated bid request utilizes at least a portion of bid item selections of a stored bid item list;

wherein the supplier bid response is generated with the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request;

wherein the supplier-associated bid request utilizes at least a portion of the bid item selections utilized in the buyer-associated bid request; and

wherein the subcontracting entity bid response is generated with the bid item selections utilized in the supplier-associated bid request.

100. (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the steps of generating a buyer-associated bid request, generating a supplier-associated bid request, and updating the supplier bid response are performed on a bid server; and

the steps of transmitting the buyer-associated bid request, transmitting the supplier-associated bid request, transmitting the supplier bid response, receiving the subcontracting-entity bid response, and receiving the selection of at least a portion of bid response data are performed over a computer network.

101. (NEW) The method of claim 61, wherein:

the steps of receiving the enablement request, receiving the affiliation request, transmitting the buyer-associated bid request, transmitting the daisy chain quotation, transmitting the supplier bid response, and receiving the completed daisy chain quotation are performed over a computer network; and

the step of updating the supplier bid response is performed on a bid server.